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*We wish all our members a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year*



ALMELO - Korenmolen "De Hoop" (Windmill "De Hoop") is a smock type windmill. This windmill was built in 1869. When it was built some of the materials from an older mill 'Het Springend Hart' (The Jumping Heart) were used. The mill got its current name in 1936 from the owner at the time, W. Loo. The windmill was featured on Heritage Day in 2005. More about the city of Almelo on pages 18 & 19.

Important: The entries below are an indication only of what events are planned during the coming months and the information given may not always be accurate and could be subject to change.

For up-to-date accurate information, **always** refer to the larger function advertisements inside this paper or the posters displayed in the clubhouse.

Upcoming Functions in Neerlandia or in other venues as shown:

Sunday 1 Dec	<u>"St Nicholas for the Children"</u>	
	Admission:	Adults Free
	Member's Children	\$10.00
	Non-Members Children	\$15.00
Thursday 5 Dec	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Sunday 8 Dec	<u>"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"</u>	11.00 am
Wednesday 11 Dec	<u>"Break-up Wednesday Card Club"</u>	
	Resumes again Wednesday 29 January 2014	
Thursday 12 Dec	<u>"Break-up DJVV"</u>	
	Resumes again Thursday 30 January 2014	
Thursday 12 Dec	<u>"Break-up Neerlandia Card Club"</u>	
	Resumes again Thursday 30 January 2014	
Sunday 15 Dec	<u>"Christmas Variety Concert"</u>	
	Featuring the Dutch Singers.	
	Doors open 11.30 am	
	Admission: Members	\$15.00
	Non-Members	\$20.00
Sunday 5 Jan	<u>"New Year's Reception"</u>	
	Doors open: 11.00 am - 2.00 pm	
	Admission: Free	

Please note: The Neerlandia Clubhouse will be closed for the summer break from Monday the 16th of December until Tuesday the 27th of January 2014, except for Sunday the 5th of January for our New Year's Event.

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Minimum charges for using our Clubhouse facilities are:

Use of Hall	from \$275.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Lounge	from \$100.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Kitchen	from \$100.00 (Incl. GST)

President's Report



The October issue of the Neerlandia magazine certainly shook a part of the Membership and started members talking. Obviously the Committee and the Editor were happy with this as the club can only be run if there is communication and understanding

between the elected committee members and membership. However, we should also be careful that insufficient information does not lead to misinformation.

Let me make myself clear here please. Editor Piet Leeftang and Neerlandia Member Barrie Parker tried to raise awareness about the current state of the club and rather than stating that the club is closing, which many of you incorrectly may have deduced from the articles, Piet & Barrie tried to present the facts to members and if this shook them up, then all the better. If the Dutch Community wants the club to stay alive, we have to make some major changes and we have to start this process now.

We have received some feedback; although we had really hoped and expected to receive far more suggestions and ideas then we have thus far.

The current situation is that the committee is looking at ways to keep the club alive. Due to the age of the clubhouse and its plant and equipment, unless there is a significant boost in our revenue and a major commitment from the next generation to involve themselves in running the club and the clubhouse, there is a fair chance that we will have to look for alternative accommodation. We want membership to participate in this exercise. We would like you to think about this and to talk to us. Even better, we need more and next generation committee members who are willing and able to work together to create a Neerlandia Mark II.

In 2009 I joined the committee and in my "maiden speech" I explained that I had 5 years set aside to lift the club, to carry it to the next level. In September 2014 my five years will be over. If we are still in the situation in which we are now, I will step down as President/Neerlandia Committee member as by then, I will have come to the end of my ideas, inspiration and energy. However, if between now and September 2014 other avenues are travelled, I would love to stay on and play an active part in Neerlandia - the next generation.

Personally I find it unacceptable that, at some point in the future, the Dutch will not have a cultural representation in Perth. Just about every ethnic group in Perth has, in some form, a clubhouse where the members of that cultural group meet to celebrate

their heritage. For me it would be unacceptable if descendants of Dutch migrants let the Dutch club go; I cannot accept that the new generation Dutch migrants don't care about some meeting place in Perth.

The problem that the Committee and consequently Membership is struggling with, is the never ending shortage of people willing to give us a hand with the organization of (any) event. Without assistance we are unable to pull the people in; without people coming to events we don't raise money for the club. The best example is the End of Month Drinks - although this event generates an enormous amount for the club and, judged by its popularity, fills a very important need for the Dutch Community and sometimes also their non Dutch friends; those Neerlandia members who organize the event month in and month out are getting to the end of their tether. There will be no End of Month Drinks in December or in January 2014 and, unless there is more commitment to assist with the monthly organization, the February 2014 End of Month Drinks could well be the last for some time.

Considering the reactions we received after the November issue, you want a Dutch Club Neerlandia to stay alive, so does the Committee. However, you will have to do something about it.

What would make the Dutch Community realize that without inspiration, loyalty and positive energy, it is impossible to run the club to its full potential; without "saamhorigheid", vision and energy it is impossible to sustain the Dutch Club.

I am asking you: what does it take to get you to join the Committee and elevate Neerlandia to the next level? Do you know the answer because I don't (anymore).

During the week I realized that this issue will be the Christmas issue! Barrie joins me in raising a glass. We both drink to your health and to the health of Dutch Society Neerlandia. We also offer on behalf of all members a toast to the handful of lieve mensen who are always there to spend time in the club to keep it all running.

May all of you, all Neerlandia Members, have a safe and pleasant festive season.

The club will be closed for maintenance from 16 December, opening its doors again on 27 January 2014.

However, to repeat, due to a shortage of volunteers, there will not be an End of Month Drinks on Friday January 31st.

I would like to wish a Merry Christmas & a Healthy 2014 to you and to your loved ones.

Lianna Parker



Dear Readers,

The articles regarding the viability of Neerlandia in our magazine surely raised a storm.

Lots of members have made comments, offered opinions or support and in general a bit confused and

bewildered about it all.

And all that interest is just what Neerlandia needs.

As Editor I would like to clarify the situation as expressed in the various articles.

Overall Neerlandia is in a strong position. We own the clubhouse, have some reserve funds and have an increasing membership base.

But that membership is not supporting the Committee with the running of the club and if that trend continues, something will have to give.

The first crack has already appeared and that is that we made considerable loss last financial year.

As well as that the committee, that is supposed to have 11 members, actually has only a handful very active members, who between them share all the responsibility and are carrying the whole club on their shoulders. This is the area where the second crack is likely to appear; those few committee members are grossly overworked and do you think they are in danger of burning out? You guessed it, of course they will. (I can speak of it on account of personal experience)

The third crack is the lack of volunteer support to help the committee with basic tasks such as to set up the hall, assist in the kitchen, attend to small and large maintenance and cleaning tasks such as polishing the floor, cleaning the lampshades, paint lines in the car park etc., etc.

Even the very successful End of Month Drink events are in danger of falling in a heap.

Those combined issues as detailed above, if not rectified, will lead to the closure of the clubhouse, there is no doubt about it!

If that is to happen, the various options as mentioned in Barry's article could become reality. Winding up the club should definitely not be an option and I believe that in addition to Barrie's options the committee is considering a better one.

But everything is not lost, far from it.

What needs to happen is that our 420 members have to do more than offer verbal support or suggestions. They need to put their shoulder to the wheel!

But how can the membership help?

... Join the Committee provided you are willing to take some responsibility for a dedicated task and reduce the Committee Member's heavy

workload but providing of course you are not a seat warmer.

... Offer your free services just for a few hours on a Friday morning to assist with basic maintenance required or offer a few hours of your time to assist at other times when needed.

... Stem the financial losses or help to reduce them and make a small or large financial donation when sending in your membership renewal. The Committee no doubt will spend those funds wisely on essential maintenance projects.

... Undertake training for bar service or kitchen duty.

... Offer your time to do the shopping with Gerry but you must be able to handle heavy boxes with cool drinks etc.

These are only some suggestions that are offered from my part and I have no doubt that Lianna will write in her presidential address along similar lines and she will slot you in somewhere, if you kindly offer your services to her.

Holiday time.

This is the last issue for this year and your next magazine will reach you in February 2014.

With this in mind I wish all the magazine readers a Very Happy and Merry Christmas and a wonderful, Healthy and Prosperous New Year and that 2014 will see Neerlandia back on its feet again.

Pieter Leeftang
Editor

HAPPY NEW YEAR

IN LOVING MEMORY

Passed away on the 22nd of October,

Meike Edel - de Boer (99)

Our sincere condolences to her family
from the Dutch Society Neerlandia

Passed away on the 13th of November

Ada Caubo

Our sincere condolences to Carl, Paul and their family
from the Dutch Society Neerlandia



May They Rest in Peace.

Pictures of alternative Melbourne Cup Lunch

Alternative Melbourne Cup Lunch - when it became obvious that we were not going to get the minimum amount of bookings for the Melbourne Cup Lunch and that the formal event would have to be cancelled, a few of us decided to get together for an alternative Melbourne Cup Lunch in the club.



frock! We had a lot of fun and thank you all for partaking in this spontaneously organized event!



Inge 1st horse



Annemarie 2nd horse

Anne 3rd horse



Everyone brought a plate, the bar was open, we had sweepstake and we watched the race on the big screen. Some of us made the effort of wearing a hat or a frilly



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De BoeKHoeK

Mies en Tom hebben weer opgeruimd en geclassificeerd, de bibliotheek ziet er prachtig uit! Wanneer je een boek wilt lenen maar je weet niet zeker of we "open zijn", bel dan even met Lianna op 0437 629 635 om een tijd af te spreken.

Onze correspondent in Nederland, Joke, heeft voor ons het volgende boek gelezen en gerenceeerd:

De thuiskomst door Anna Enquist

Deze historische roman uit 2005 beschrijft het leven van Elizabeth Batts, de vrouw van James Cook, de ontdekkingsreiziger. Los van de fantastische schrijfstijl, is het een boeiend boek om te lezen want het geeft een indringend beeld van het dagelijkse leven en het dagelijkse lief en leed aan het eind van de 18^e eeuw. Doorgaans worden vooral de levens van helden beschreven en weten we weinig van de vrouw die achter de held staat en in dit boek is dat juist andersom. Voor dit boek heeft Anna Enquist veel research gedaan naar James Cook en zijn persoonlijke omstandigheden, maar ook naar de tijd waarin hij leefde. Hoe zag het dagelijks leven er toen uit? Hoe werden de kinderen opgevoed? Wat at en dronk men? Maar vooral ook, hoe ging men om met de dood. Elizabeth Batts verliest successievelijk al haar 6 kinderen. Kinderen die meestal verwekt werden tussen 2 reizen van haar man door en die vaak al konden lopen voordat haar man überhaupt wist dat hij een kind verwekt had.

Het is een boek over een moedige vrouw die zich staande weet te houden in een relatie met een man waar ze van houdt maar die haar zo veel verdriet bezorgd omdat hij meer van de zee houdt dan van haar en haar gezin. Hij laat haar elke keer weer alleen. Een vrouw die het leed om de dood van haar kinderen daardoor voornamelijk alleen moet dragen. Haar enorme verdriet is in sommige passages bijna voelbaar.

Elizabeth heeft een goede vriend (Isaac) waarvan de verhouding, hoewel niet helemaal duidelijk, mooi en intiem beschreven wordt.

Dit boek schetst een prachtig beeld van de wijze waarop een vrouw in die tijd leefde in de schaduw van haar beroemde man. Het is een waar feest voor de liefhebber van historische romans om dit boek te lezen.

Inappropriate Actions

We are and always have been a Club that is reliant on the time and effort of our volunteers. In particular your committee has and always will devote their time to ensure that the Club is run to the benefit of its membership. It is therefore more than disappointing when that goodwill and effort is repaid by inappropriate actions from somebody, or bodies, amongst our membership. The committee has



instructed me to bring some recent examples to the attention of all of our members in the expectation that such inappropriate actions will cease as a result of these examples being made public.

Toilets – The committee decided recently to purchase more expensive soft toilet paper to replace the old hard, cheap product that had been the standard for years. Of course we know exactly how much toilet paper is used, so imagine our surprise and disappointment when the new expensive paper was depleted at nearly ten times the rate of the old stock from the ladies' toilet. There is of course only one explanation for this and that is that somebody (or bodies) has stolen the new expensive toilet paper. And as it is only our membership that used this toilet during that time, the committee has concluded that someone or some people who are our members are stealing from their own Club. Hence we have decided to go back to the lesser quality. It is totally beyond us that Club Members can walk out of the club house with roll(s) of soft loo paper in their handbags. This is stealing from your Club; this is stealing from your fellow Club Members. If anybody can shed any light on such incidents then let us know - we will take immediate action by investigating the incident and if necessary naming this member (or members) and expelling whoever from the club.

Book donations – It is with regret that we must announce that we have stopped accepting books for our library. The last few months, amongst beautiful donations, we received books that were totally useless. We asked for novels printed in 1990 or later and we did most gratefully receive such books. However we also found a lot of your Handels-economie boeken, your 1970 travel guides and your gardening books. Neither did we ask for old cookbooks. We started enthusiastically with a fresh looking library full of contemporary books. However, when one day we found in front of the DACWA Offices, broken boxes with moldy books we realized that our initiative was not appreciated and that we were being used as a convenient dumping ground. Therefore, no more books required - a great initiative killed by carelessness and disrespect for the Club and its volunteers.

On a Brighter Note

Toilets - Happy toilet seats of colourful tulip fields are now installed in the ladies' loos. They certainly bring a smile to everyone's face. I hope that they will stay where they are now: in the club house!

Embroidery - when you are next in the hall, take some time to look at the piece of embroidery donated to the club by Linda Doeglas. It's a piece of history with

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background information explaining what the work is all about.

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End of Month Drinks - Due to lack of volunteers we will not be able to organize EoM Drinks in January. We will have February EoM Drinks providing we have 12 people who are willing to serve food for 45 minutes on the night and 4 people who help us set up on the morning of 28 February.

Please contact Inge: ingevanmaanen@hotmail.com or Lianna 0437 629 635

Shop Report

From 29 November onwards the shop will have a limited amount of typical Dutch non food goods for sale for a flat rate of \$10. Keep an eye out as we expect that the products will go fast.

The Committee received a letter from one of our suppliers advising us that in the New Year his prices will increase. Obviously this price increase will be reflected in our shop prices.

Dutch Touch Jewellery

We have new supply of Dutch Touch pearl jewellery. These elegant necklaces and bracelets, made from fresh water pearls and Delft Blue beads, are on show and available at the Club through Gerry, Lianna or Inge. Proceeds go to Dutch Club Neerlandia.

De KooKHoeK

Nicole is de inspiratie voor de maandelijkse KooKHoeK. Zij is geboren en getogen in Nederland en komt uit een Nederlands-Indisch gezin. Eten, in de ruimste zin van het woord is haar passie: zij bereidt het en kweekt zelf vele van de ingrediënten; ze leest en zij schrijft erover - elke dag werkt zij met eten.

Nicole heeft ons toestemming gegeven om haar blog als bron te gebruiken voor onze maandelijkse KooKHoeK, iets waar we heel erg blij mee zijn.

Het recept voor December/January is:

For the benefit of our non-Dutch readers, the recipe is in the English language.

Oliebollen - No Dutch person can have Oud & Nieuw without an oliebol or two. Don't how to make them from scratch? Here is the recipe!

2 tablespoons of raisins
2 teaspoons of active dry yeast

1/2 cup of milk, warm
1 cup of all purpose flour
1 1/2 tablespoon of sugar
pinch of lemon zest
pinch of salt
1 egg
1 tablespoon of butter, softened
1 heaping tablespoon of powdered sugar

Soak the raisins in some rum or warm water several hours before, preferably the night prior to the frying.

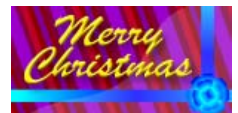
Dissolve the yeast in the warm milk. Mix the flour, sugar and the lemon zest, and stir in the milk and yeast mix. Add the salt, the egg and the butter and stir the batter for several minutes until everything is nicely blended. Stir in the drained raisins. Cover and let rise until it doubled its volume, stir down and let rise again.

In the meantime, heat the oil in the fryer up to 375F. Place a plate with several paper towels to soak up the excess fat of the fried goods. Stir the batter down. Now use a large spoon or an ice cream scoop to scoop out a portion, drop it into the hot oil and fry for about four minutes on each side or until brown. *Slightly wetting the scoop or spoon before each scoop will make it easier to drop the batter into the oil.* It's important to gauge the temperature of your oil: too hot an oil will scorch the outside but leave the inside of the balls uncooked. A low temperature will not fry the balls fast enough and they will become "sinkers": oil-saturated and inedible.

Drain the balls on paper towels, then transfer onto a new plate and sprinkle with powdered sugar.

Source: (met toestemming van) Nicole Holten, The Dutch Table <http://www.thedutchtable.com>

HAPPY NEW YEAR



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Vera Ruchti
Ronald Flapper
Euan Leslie
Sigrid Miller
Rose-Marie McNamara

Results Sunday Card Drive 2014

Sunday Drive

The last Sunday Klaverjas Drive was held on the 3rd of November.



It was good to see Gerda van Noort playing again, I was Gerda's father Nico Feddema who was the founder of the Neerlandia Card Club.

There were 28 players that turned up, which meant exactly 7 competition tables.

The first players arrived shortly after 10 am in order to participate in a bit of social get-together, while enjoying a cup of coffee. Gerry had managed to obtain "appeltaart" from John Otis and that sold like hot cake. What a nice way to spend a Sunday morning. Meanwhile Sienna Tompkins was busy in the kitchen to prepare the lunches, which of course was very much appreciated by all and as customary it was a "gezellige dag" and it was a good atmosphere all around.



Bep Banken, Ria Nissen and Alex Udinga all in deep concentration.

At 11.00 sharp the competition started and after 3 hours of fierce competition, the scorecards were checked and the winners were announced.

They were:

1st prize Pieter Leeftang	6611 points
2nd prize Riet van Emden	6556 points
3rd prize Elly Schenkelaars	6479 points



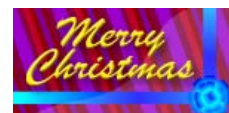
Winners Elly Schenkelaars finished 3rd, Pieter Leeftang 1st and Riet van Emden 2nd.

The last Sunday Drive for this year will be held on Sunday the 8th of December.

This will also be a good chance to do some last minute Christmas shopping from our "Winkeltje". See would like to see all our regular players there and if you did not win a price, better luck next time.

I also like to take this opportunity to wish all those dedicated Klaverjas Players who always look forward to attend our Sunday, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and healthy New Year.

Gerry Creemers



Be careful during the holiday season.

I would like to share a personal experience with all of you about drinking and driving.

As you well know, some have been known to have had brushes with the authorities on the way home from an occasional social session over the years.

A couple of nights ago, I was out for an evening with friends and had a couple of cocktails and some rather nice red wine.

Knowing full well I may have been slightly over the limit, I did something I've never done before ~ I took a cab home.

Sure enough, I passed a police road block but, since it was a cab, they waved it past.

I arrived home safely without incident, which was a real surprise; as I have never driven a cab before and am not sure where I got it or what to do with it now that it's in my garage.

Membership renewal form

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Neerlandia Magazine subscription only	\$ 25	\$ 12.50	\$ 6.25
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Laughter is still the best medicine



Peppermint pills.

I recently spent \$6500 on a young registered Black Angus bull. I put him out with the herd but he just ate grass and wouldn't even look at a cow. I was beginning to think I had paid more for that bull than he was worth. Anyhow, I had the vet come and have a look at him. He said the bull was very healthy, but possibly just a little young, so he gave me some pills to feed him once per day.

The bull started to service the cows within two days, all my cows! He even broke through the fence and bred with all of my neighbour's cows! He's like a machine!

I don't know what drug was in the pills the vet gave him ... but they kind of taste like peppermint.

Political Spin.

(Everyone has heard the words Political Spin and Spin doctors all the time, but are you really aware how and why it is done? Following is a typical example, no matter what side of the political fence you're on, THIS is FUNNY and VERY telling! Editor)

Judy Rudd an amateur genealogy researcher in south east Queensland, was doing some personal work on her own family tree. She discovered that ex-Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's great-great uncle, Remus Rudd, was hanged for horse stealing and train robbery in Melbourne in 1889. Both Judy and Kevin Rudd share this common ancestor. The only known photograph of Remus shows him standing on the gallows at the Melbourne Jail.

On the back of the picture Judy obtained during her research is this inscription:

'Remus Rudd horse thief, sent to Melbourne Jail 1885, escaped 1887, robbed the Melbourne-Geelong train six times.

Caught by Victoria Police Force, convicted and hanged in 1889.'

So Judy recently e-mailed ex-Prime Minister Rudd for information about their great-great uncle, Remus Rudd.

Believe it or not, Kevin Rudd's staff sent back the following biographical sketch for her genealogy research: "Remus Rudd was famous in Victoria during the mid to late 1800s. His business empire grew to include acquisition of valuable equestrian assets and intimate dealings with the Melbourne-Geelong Railroad. Beginning in 1883, he devoted several years of his life to government service, finally taking leave to resume his dealings with the railroad.

In 1887, he was a key player in a vital investigation run by the Victoria Police Force. In 1889, Remus passed away during an important civic function held in his honour when the platform upon which he was standing collapsed."

NOW That's how it's done! That's real POLITICAL SPIN.

STUDENT WHO OBTAINED 0% IN AN EXAM - AND SHOULD HAVE GOT 100% P

Q1. In which battle did Napoleon die?

* His last battle

Q2. Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?

* At the bottom of the page

Q3. River Ravi flows in which state?

* Liquid

Q4. What is the main reason for divorce?

* Marriage

Q5. What is the main reason for failure?

* Exams

Q6. What can you never eat for breakfast?

* Lunch & dinner

Q7. What looks like half an apple?

* The other half

Q8. If you throw a red stone into the blue sea what will it become?

* It will simply become wet

Q9. How can someone go eight days without sleeping?

* No problem just sleeps at night

Q10. How can you lift an elephant with one hand?

* You will never find an elephant that has only one hand.

Q11. If you had three apples and four oranges in one hand and four apples and three oranges in other hand, what would you have?

* Very large hands

Q12. If it took eight men ten hours to build a wall, how long would it take four men to build it?

* No time at all, the wall is already built

Q13. How can u drop a raw egg onto a concrete floor without cracking it?

* Any way you want, concrete floors are very hard to crack.

The Italian Secret to a Long Marriage

At St. Peter's Catholic Church in Baltimore, they have weekly husbands' marriage seminars.

At the session last week, the priest asked Tony, who had said he was approaching his 50th wedding anniversary, to take a few minutes and share some insight into how he had managed to stay married to the same woman all these years.

Tony replied to the assembled husbands, 'Wella, I've tried to treat her nicea, spenda da money on her, but besta of all is, I tooka her to Italy for the 25th anniversary!'

The priest responded: "Tony, you are an amazing inspiration to all the husbands here!

Please tell us what you are planning for your wife for your 50th anniversary?"

Tony proudly replied: " I gonna go back to Italy to picka her up."

End of Month Drinks

Due to lack of volunteers, there will be no End of Month Drinks in January 2014!

Closer to the date the Committee will decide if the club will be open for the February EoM.

Do you like our EoM Drinks? Contact Inge van Maanen ingevanmaanen@hotmail.com if you want to give us a hand!

**With your support only,
the EoM Drinks will continue and then the Bar will once again be open from 5.30 pm - 9.00 pm. And then you are welcome to come along after work for some relaxation, meet up with old friends or make new ones and enjoy a Dutch beer or a Dutch snack or just a cup of coffee!**

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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New Year's Reception

On Monday the 5th of January 2014

Join us at Neerlandia to celebrate the beginning of the year 2014 in style with a “gezellige” open day



***When: Sunday
the 5th of
January .***

***Time: From 11.00
till 2.00 pm.***

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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And bring your friends
or family along.**





December 2013

DUTCH AGED CARE NEWSLETTER

The Official Publication of Dutch Aged Care Western Australia Inc.
To all members and supporters of DACWA

Dutch Aged care (WA) Inc. t/a Cura In-Home Care AGM 2013



We held our AGM on Tuesday 08.10.2013, unfortunately the attendance was not as expected. We would like to say "Thank you" to those members who turned up and showed interest in our organisation and how we are doing.

Vice-president Henri presented a detailed report about our financial position. He stated that our financial position is still strong.

There have been some changes in our Board structure; some members have left to pursue other interests; following the resignation of our long term Patron Mr Thom Dercksen, Deanne Vlam resigned from her Board role to become our new Patron.

Henri explained new reforms related to changes of the services in Aged Care.

We were successful in the ACSWA- industry Excellence in Care Awards; Annegret won the Trainee Award and is also nominated for the National Award in November in Melbourne, well done.

In April we had our trading name changed to CURA In-Home Care.

He thanked the Board members, staff and stakeholders for their support.

The Home Care Packages report was prepared and read by the Care Team Manager Regine.

We are providing care to 56 consumers over the Perth-Metro area.

The program is going well. We are pleased that we still can do special outings (twice a year) with our consumers. Our Christmas party is always a success. It is nice to keep this personal touch with consumers and staff.

The focus for every provider is now to get familiar with CDC's (Consumer directed Care).

Many changes have already been introduced from 1 July 2013.

From July 2015 all packages will operate on a CDC basis. Under a CDC approach, consumers are encouraged to identify goals, which could include independence, wellness and more involvement in managing their package.

Every consumer will have their individual budget and will receive a monthly statement, which will show all expenses.



Our Care Team consists of the Care Team Manager Regine, the two Coordinators Annegret and Jose and 30 very dedicated Support Workers. Many of our Support Workers have completed or enrolled in the Certificate III or IV in Community Care, so they have good skills to provide the best care as possible.

The CVS/HVS program is organised by the Coordinators Joyce and Soggi. At the present we have 63 volunteers. Our team of volunteers identifies with the broad Germanic culture, they are passionate and respectful. They make a positive impact in the daily lives of those residents who are getting visits.

The volunteers also have quarterly training sessions and social get-togethers to show our appreciation for their great work.

New volunteers are always welcome.

Thank you so much for your donations we have received over the last year. Every amount helps to keep the Home visiting program alive. We don't receive any funding for this program.

Regine

Care Team Manager





Support Worker early Christmas party 2013

We did spoil our wonderful staff on 22.10.2013 at the Neerlandia Clubhouse. A big "thank you" to Gerry, Toni and Vera, they came in their own time to open the bar and shop.

The catering was delicious and like always too much to eat.

We recognised the following 6 Support Workers for outstanding work, with a small gift: **Anja, Ursula, Tanja, Cindy, Audrey and Kitty**

A slideshow with many photos from the events of the last years brought memories back.

We all had a great time.

Again a big thank you (*Danke schoen, Dank je wel*) to everybody who is involved with CURA IN-HOME CARE.

**Regine,
Care Team Manager**



The Office Staff members of Cura In-Home Care, like to wish everybody a "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year"!

We would like to say "Thank you" to our Board members for their support, and to our Support Workers and Volunteers for their dedication.

We wish all consumers and stakeholders a peaceful festive season.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank Lianna Parker for her support and Pieter Leeftang, who is always making sure our articles are published in a nice way and on time.

**Regine
Care Team Manager**

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Monthly DACWA Board Meeting

– Every 3rd Tuesday of the month.

For more details contact the DACWA Office on:
9382 4186 or E-mail: dacwa@dacwa.org

End of Month Drinks –Every Last Friday of the month.

From 5:30pm – 9:00pm in the lounge of Dutch Society 'Neerlandia'.

The next End of Month Drinks for 2014 will most likely be held on Friday the 28th of February.

Consumers Christmas afternoon.

(Invited guests only)

When: On Saturday 7 of December from 2.00 - 5.00 pm

Where: In the Neerlandia Clubhouse, 230 Cambridge Street, Wembley.

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The principal aim of Dutch Aged Care (WA) Inc. shall be to assist in maintaining or improving the quality of life of persons who are aged and living in the Perth (WA) metropolitan area and who identify with the Dutch or German speaking culture.

Great achievement for WA –especially for CURA IN-HOME CARE

We have already shared our news in the September magazine that we were very successful in the ACSWA 2013 Excellence in Care Awards. Our Coordinator Annegret won the category for the best "Trainee" in June 2013.

Being a state winner, Annegret was invited to Melbourne to attend the ACSA National Aged Care Awards. Annegret went with her husband, who is very supportive of all her studies, to Melbourne for the big event.

What a moment for the two of them, we can only imagine, when the winner was announced!

We are so proud to announce that Annegret won the National Award in Melbourne as well!!



Another lady from WA, June Bremner from Silver Chain, won the category "Volunteer". She has been volunteering for 30 years, very inspiring.

Annegret would like to say a big "Thank you" to the



staff of CURA IN-HOME CARE for their support and for the nomination. In Annegret's words, "The only thing that I was missing during the function was my colleagues to be here with me".

**Regine,
Care Team
Manager**

Cura In-Home Care :New Members this quarter.

Mrs Willy Zee
Mrs Maria van den Bergh
Mrs G Pellicaan
Mrs G van Delft
Mrs E Klaassen
Mrs A Aarnoudse
Mr K Hecht

Hi Dacwa Friends,

I cannot let this opportunity pass without letting you know how I experienced my first Chair exercises morning.

It began already when I had to be ready by 11.30 am because I was going to be picked up by Thea, my chauffeur for the day. Of course I chose my outfit very carefully. Had to look the part, you know...So I put on a stretchy pair of gym pants...for ultimate comfort...

I had not worn them for years. Not since I joined the YMCA team you have often seen on TV...

I was confronted with a possible problem...Could the pants stretch further than they already did and were they OK when doing the exercises, as their duty was...But no they were already stretched to the limit...if you understand what I mean...Time would tell.

Another lady by the name of Robby also was traveling with Thea...The poor thing had to leave the more generous space as a front passenger for me, because I could not possibly fit into the back seat...Thanks Robby.

A few other gym enthusiasts were in Neerlandia already and more followed. We made ourselves known to nearby people. Then we sat in a nice big circle where Annegret took the lead...

I was asked to talk a bit about myself and of course I took the floor...I talked and talked...till Annegret said; "Ria you are a good story teller."

Shocked, I realised later that everyone in the circle had to talk about him/herself. And I thought I had to talk because I was a new kid at the block. Oh boy...

Annegret then started to lead us into bone -cracking/



squeaking exercises. At least my bones created this music must be because they were overjoyed.

The exercises were gentle, but I could feel the effect where they worked. Then we were given some strange pieces of green latex...what are we to do with them I thought, but quickly we were told we had to use them for stretching...

The one where we were to tie the latex around our knees, gave me a good exercise for strengthening the big muscle on the outside of our legs. Easy does it however...but I really enjoyed the whole session. We also had a go at bowling...well I'll better say nothing about it, but we have to get rid of 'that' man (unless you put me in his team next time).

And then when all that was over, we were invited for a lovely bowl of soup and a cheese sandwich lunch. Did I say "a" bowl of soup? No we got "2" of them.

Yummy... all these things were served up for us. Talk about being spoiled!!!

I am looking forward to my next session and hope to see all my new friends again.

Till then,

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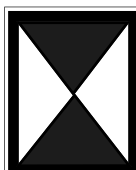
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ALMELO

Almelo is a municipality and a city in the eastern Netherlands. The main population centres in the town are Aadorp, Almelo, Mariaparochie and Bornebroek.

Almelo has about 72,000 inhabitants in the middle of the rolling countryside of Twente, with the industrial centres of Enschede and Hengelo as close neighbours but also with tourist towns like Oostmarsum, Delden and

Markelo close by. Almelo received city rights in 1394.

HISTORY

Almelo originated in the middle ages as a settlement built where a country road crossed a stream named the Aa. The house originally built on that site in 1236, "Huize Almelo", still stands on the site today, although it was rebuilt as a castle in 1662. By the year 1420, the settlement had grown sufficiently to be granted city rights. At the time the city had built a canal, but not the surrounding wall that many cities of that age had to have to defend itself, so limiting its strategic importance. Since its creation, Huize Almelo has been owned by the van Rechtern Limpurg family. As the local lord, the family possessed several rights in the city of Almelo, including the right to administer justice. Today, however, the Count and his family concentrate on the restoration of old buildings in the city and the maintenance of the nearby forests owned by the family.

After the Count of Almelo, Zeger van Rechteren had forbidden the practice of the Catholic religion in 1664, the nuns of the Saint Catherine monastery left Almelo to create a monastery across the border in Germany named Maria Vlucht (Maria Flight). After the abolition of the monastery, church treasures from Almelo were scattered throughout the region. The Catholic faith returned to Almelo in the early 20th century with the building of the Sint Georgiuskerk (Saint George's Church).



Huize Almelo



Spinnerij Twente

TEXTILE INDUSTRIE BLOSSOMING

In 1818 the city of Almelo was split into 2 municipalities: Stad Almelo, which consisted of the city proper, and Ambt Almelo, which consisted of the surrounding countryside. With the invention of the weaving mill in the late 18th century, Almelo rapidly became a centre of the textile industry. The invention of the steam engine in 1830, as well as the completion of the railway line to Salzbergen in 1865 also helped Almelo become a leader in the industrial revolution. By 1900, there were many rich families in Almelo living in beautiful, large manor houses built in various styles such as Art Nouveau, Expressionism and neo-Renaissance. In 1914, amid the height of the industrial boom, Stad Almelo and Ambt Almelo were once again combined

into one municipality, called simply Almelo.

WWII

Almelo remained relatively unscathed during the German occupation of World War II. The town was liberated on April 4th 1945 by a battalion of soldiers from Canada. On November 15th 1944 however, eight people robbed De Nederlandsche Bank in the Wierdensestraat as a part of the Dutch resistance. The loot amounted to 46.1 million guilders (US \$17.3 million), the highest amount ever taken during a robbery in the Netherlands. Street names in the district of Sluitersveld in Almelo are named after several Dutch resistance heroes.

FOREIGN COMPETITION

In the 1960's however, cheaper foreign competition forced massive closures in Almelo's textile industry. Many of the textile factories were dismantled and many of the rich homes of the textile barons were abandoned, however some buildings were preserved. For example, many people believe the Villa Bellinckhof on the Wierdensestraat, built by the textile magnate ten Cate family, is the most beautiful villa in Almelo. The villa, designed by the famed Dutch architect Karel Muller, is one of the largest houses in Twente.



Villa Bellinckhof

The City of Almelo



180° panorama bij het “linker bruggetje” over het kanaal Almelo-Nordhorn

ALMELO TODAY

Almelo opts for its own style and for growth. But not for more of the same. Which is why they are transforming Almelo into the water metropolis of Twente province and a great and innovative “do-city”. At the same time, the inner city is undergoing a remarkable metamorphosis.

Almelo’s population is expected to grow from 72,000 to 85,000 inhabitants. There is space to allow this growth. Numerous projects are giving a face to the slogan ‘Almelo, the new way of living’. City-centre housing, urban-countryside residences and water-rich dwellings on lakes, canals and rivers.

Where else in Twente is there so much innovation happening in so many areas and with such energy? Almelo is an entrepreneurial city with high-quality companies supplying innovative markets worldwide. Inhabitants, entrepreneurs and local authority are mutually inspiring one another. Almelo’s zest offers opportunities to all.

ECONOMY—Almelo delivers

Saving on aircraft fuel is just one of the pioneering ideas at Aerodynamic.

Aircraft builder Airbus is showing interest. Almelo’s going for it! And not just in the field of futuristic ‘green’ aircraft. From RAPS, with its revolutionary slap skates, to Sumipro, who supply high-tech lenses for the Galileo satellite and the Hubble space telescope. Every one of them examples of Almelo’s “do-industry”.

The Almelo District Court, the Regge and Dinkel Water Board and the Twenteborg Hospital versus the modern do-industry. Versatility characterises Almelo’s economy. The economy that once flourished, thanks to the textile industry, has a much wider significance in today’s world. Almelo is home to over sixty very innovative companies with a worldwide network of customers.

Currently, a major employer in Almelo is Urenco Nederland. This is a uranium enrichment plant which uses the gas centrifuge method and produces uranium with about five percent U-235, for nuclear reactors.

A bakery factory, Bolletje, PANalytical, the Twenteborg Hospital and the regional court are also major employers.



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Christmas Variety Concert



Presented by "The Dutch Singers"

DATE: Sunday 15 December
VENUE: Neerlandia Clubhouse
230 Cambridge Street Wembley 6014
Cost: \$15.00 for Members
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(Includes complimentary coffee/tea)
Show Time: 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm
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and we expect a full house.

Upcoming Christmas Concert & Dutch Liquor

Variety Christmas Concert

On Sunday, 15 December the Dutch Singers with conductor Hazel Potts, will perform their annual Variety Christmas Concert at Dutch Club Neerlandia.

Over the years this excellent choir has earned itself a reputation of having singers of outstanding quality and Hazel's musical leadership manages to get the best out of every individual choir member.

This year's concert has again a lot to offer: The show will start at 1.00 pm and the first half of the concert is the 'Variety' part of the program, where some young people from different schools are 'showcased'.

The second half is the 'Christmassy' part. There is a goodly number of traditional songs/carols but there are other items as well. As always, the Choir endeavour to include the youth in some of the items during the concert. This year, the Choir is expecting a 'surprise' from Scotch College as well as a couple of items from Guildford Grammar School but more surprises are expected.

The Dutch Singers will be singing items in Dutch, German, English, or Latin

And of course, during the show, there will also be a sing-along for the audience to join in.

As usual, tickets will be on sale for the raffle with some wonderful prizes.

The show is scheduled to finish at 4pm.

Due to the normal high demand, we encourage you to do yourselves a favour and to get tickets as soon as possible to a fabulous afternoon.

Details and tickets are available from: -

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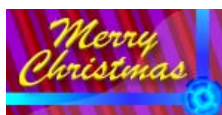
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11.00 am—1.00 pm



Profile of newer migrants



Ik ben Liora Ebben en ben sinds begin maart 2012 in Perth. Toen ik na mijn middelbare school niet door de selecties voor de KLM ben gekomen, wist ik eigenlijk niet wat ik wilde doen en besloot ik een tussenjaar

te nemen. Net na mijn 18e verjaardag kon ik mijn Working Holiday visum krijgen en vloog ik naar Sydney. Na een paar dagen ben ik naar Cairns gevlogen en vandaaruit in een paar maanden naar Adelaide gereisd. Op weg naar Adelaide ben ik in Sydney gestopt waar ik Kerst en Oud & Nieuw heb gevierd. Dat was echt een van de highlights! Toen ben ik nog 1.5 maand naar Nieuw-Zeeland gegaan en vandaaruit ben ik naar Perth gevlogen. Het plan was om wat te werken, want het geld was er natuurlijk doorheen gevlogen, om dan vervolgens een auto te huren en naar Darwin te rijden voor ik weer naar Nederland zou gaan. Omdat ik dus vrijwel al mijn spaargeld erdoorheen had gedraaid, besloot ik ook maar wat goedkoper te overnachten in plaats van de \$40-kamers in de hostels hier. Via de couchsurfing website (voor de mensen die niet weten wat het is, het is een website voor mensen die gratis accommodatie op een 'couch' zoeken en aanbieden bij elkaar brengt) en gelukkig accepteerde iemand me die hele goede reviews had, want ik vond het toch wel een beetje spannend. Die persoon was John. Er is niks meer van het plan om naar Darwin te rijden gekomen; hij werd kort daarna mijn vriend en sinds dat moment wonen we samen. Hij komt uit Perth. Hartstikke leuk en interessant natuurlijk voor Nederlanders, maar af en toe ook wel moeilijk hoor! Gelukkig heb ik hier inmiddels aardig wat Nederlandse meiden leren kennen, vooral door de End of the

Month drinks, onder wie een heleboel ook Australische vriendjes hebben, dus af en toe kunnen we even lekker zeuren over sommige rare gewoontes hier!

Ik heb het hier ontzettend naar mijn zin en voel me echt lucky. Probeer maar eens een plaats in Nederland te vinden waar ze ook gemiddeld 8 uur zon per dag hebben!

Ik kom uit Tiel, stad van Flipje, en daar zijn de restaurants ook op één, misschien twee handen te tellen, dus ik ging vrijwel nooit uit eten. Ik geniet hier van de enorme keuze aan restaurants, maar vooral Nando's is toch wel m'n favoriet.

Ik mag sinds een paar weken werken, maar ik heb nog geen baan. Sinds ongeveer een jaar help ik bij Neerlandia, super gezellig! Ik ben nu druk bezig een leuk appartement te zoeken in de stad en dat lukt aardig! Moeilijk voor te stellen om ook nog een baan te krijgen, want eigenlijk heb ik het nu al heel druk, of zorg ik dat ik het heel druk heb. Ik probeer elke dag naar de gym te gaan of hard te lopen. Heerlijk langs de kust bijvoorbeeld. Ik kan niet wachten tot het echt zomer wordt, want dan gaan we ook bijna elk weekend mountainbiken, jetskiën en wakeboarden. Ook ga ik vrijwel elke dag met iemand koffie drinken. Ik hou van koken en kan uren in de keuken staan. Ik heb inmiddels ook allerlei nieuwe dingen gedaan zoals een cake decoration cursus en online cursussen.

Ik wil ook meer van Australië blijven ontdekken, dus ben ik meerdere keren down south geweest, een keer naar Coral Bay gereden en een avontuurlijke vakantie in Kununurra doorgebracht.

Natuurlijk mis ik Nederland, en vooral mijn familie en vrienden. Ik ben daarom al twee keer terug gegaan. Beide keren in de zomer, maar het is niet te vergelijken met het heerlijke, luxe, relaxte leven hier. Wel mis ik de lange zomeravonden, de Calvé pindakaas, koude Kerst, de treinen, die je overal heen brengen en de lage prijzen.

Hopelijk tot binnenkort op een EoM borrel! Liora.

December & January Birthdays

The following Members will celebrate their birthday during **the month of December 2013.**

We wish them all a very **Happy Birthday!**

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The following Members will celebrate their birthday during **the month of Januari 2014.**

We wish them all a very **Happy Birthday!**

Alex	Udinga
Lies	Baggen
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The Inheritance of the VOC

The Inheritance of the VOC.

Probably without realizing it, Raadspensionaris Johan van Oldenbarnevelt started a momentous part in Dutch history when he led the small Dutch nation of just over a million people to mastery of the major sea-lanes. With his sharp mind and knowledge of human nature, in 1602 he welded a group of fiercely competing merchants together and into a mighty combine called the “Verenigde Oost-Indische Compagnie”, better known as the VOC. And gradually, from that time on, the Dutch tricolour of Red, White and Blue became recognized, feared and respected all over the known world. And all this was happening during the often brutal 80-year struggle against the Spanish overlords headed by King Philip II, who was a devout, but intolerant towards his Protestant citizens.

It proved to be a very fortunate period in which the VOC was formed, as a twelve year cessation of warfare was agreed upon, being “Het Twaalfjarig Bestand” from 9 April 1609 - 20 April 1621, between Spain and the “Republic of the Seven Provinces”, being Holland, Zeeland, Utrecht, Gelderland, Overijssel, Groningen and Friesland.



Johan Pieterszoon Coen
1587 - 1621

As well, the newly created VOC was blessed with a very able Governor in the early stage of their existence, Johan Pieterszoon Coen (8 Jan 1587-21 Sept 1629).

In its high-day of the so-called Golden Age of the Seven Provinces in the 17th century, in the “Zaanstreek” (10 kilometres north of Amsterdam), there were 364 Sawmills cutting timber from imported logs to be used for ship-building and the building of more and more homes for the fast growing worker population. To

give my readers an idea of the number of ships on the oceans and especially those on the Asia route, the totals recorded during the period 1695-1795 are as follows:- 4700 sailing towards various Asian destinations and 3400 returning to Holland. And this apart from the herring fleets and the busy activities by members of the Hanseatic League and the “Oostzee” trading in general and not forgetting those courageous skippers and their crews sailing out in their fragile wooden vessels to go whale hunting in the arctic circle. And please remember that these records date from a period of declining Dutch power on the world scene. Think hereby of the well-known story of “Het Vrouwtje van Stavoren”, who ordered one of her ship captains to return from the Oostzee (Baltic Sea) only when he was loaded with great treasure. He did and proudly asked her to inspect the treasure he brought back on his return to the harbour of Stavoren. On his command, the ship’s crew removed the wooden decking over the hold and they were looking at a ship full of golden wheat.

The wealthy widow got ballistic and accused her captain of sabotaging her order, as she had expected him to return with precious metals, amber and jewellery. Then she ordered him to empty his vessel’s cargo into the sea. Furious citizens, having assembled on hearing the widow’s outburst, foretold her that the good Lord would punish her for this evil deed.

An old man stopped her when she turned to go home and pleaded with her to give this wheat to the poor.

On hearing all this, the angry widow took one of her precious rings from a finger, threw it into the sea, declaring that the chance of punishment would be as great that her ring would ever return back to her. To cut the story short, during a gala dinner with which she entertained a number of notables of the area, a beautiful big fish was brought to the table, and you might have guessed it, when the fish was cut open, that same ring was found inside the fish and so it had returned to her. In time the widow lost her fleet of ships in various storms, finally reducing her to sheer poverty while the Stavoren harbour silted up.

Now I will return to the main story of Dutch supremacy on the world’s oceans. Those ships with destination Batavia were usually going in a group of vessels of varied tonnage for greater safety. All were armed with cannon, soldiers and crew who knew how to defend their ship. Most ships left from Texel and set sail along coast of Africa to Cape of Good Hope, so called to revive the exhausted and often sickly crew with fresh fruit, water, vegetables and meat. Then to steer their vessels due east by order of the VOC since 1617, to follow “The Brouwer” route for a certain distance and then due north, which should bring them close to their destination Batavia. Earlier on, the Dutch followed the route they had copied from the Portuguese traders, sailing north following the east coast of Africa. However it was found by Hendrik Brouwer, who was in command of three vessels bound for the Indies in 1610, that sailing due east from the island of Madagascar and following the strong trade-winds, he could thereby cut about six months from the return trip. However great care had to be taken when sailing too close to the uncharted Great Southland and thereby possibly hit submerged rocks or coral reefs. The problem with this route was that calculating the longitude could not be accurately done as no exact time-keeping was available to determinate a ships position. It was a trial and error situation, as the length of the eastern route had to be measured in knots, taken from a knotted rope and float, tossed overboard to measure the ship’s speed and progress while checking an hourglass for timekeeping. Then after a period of time, an observer had to look out for reefs or rocks in a ‘crows-nest’ built in the main mast.

Human nature as it is, disasters were unavoidable through captains negligence or stormy weather, not forgetting the crew becoming ill or perhaps sleeping while on duty. Hendrik Brouwer was not only an able captain and navigator but he was also an explorer and a colonial administrator. While in the Far- East, he negotiated trade with Siam (Thailand) and Japan on behalf of the VOC. He was highly regarded by the VOC heads.

As I said before, sailing north parallel to the Australian coastline was dangerous, especially in wild weather. And so many a VOC merchant-vessel came to grief, being wrecked at various places along the West Australian Coast over a period of time. As a matter of interest I will mention a few of the ships which are well recorded in history. The earliest one being the star of the VOC the “**Retourship**” **Batavia**, which left Texel on the 27th October 1628 with 322 people on board, being crew, soldiers and passengers.

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The Batavia Replica

The Batavia sailed in a convoy of seven ships, but during wild weather shortly after leaving, they lost each other and could regroup later on only with two of the other ships, the Buren and Assendelft. After a short sojourn at Cape of Good Hope, the

Batavia followed the Brouwer Route due east but was already destined for disaster because of the main players, skipper Adriaen Jacobsz and junior merchant Jeronimus Cornelisz were planning to seize control of the treasure laden Batavia. Jacobsz deliberately steered the Batavia off course, away from the other ships. The senior merchant Francisco Pelsaert, the supreme ship's commander, had become very ill and bedridden and so unaware what was going on. As a result of rowdy and undisciplined behaviour of some crew members and soldiers, the ships navigation procedures became sloppy, resulting that the Batavia struck a reef in the Abrolhos island group on the 4th of June 1629 during stormy weather.

Forty people drowned while leaving the stricken vessel. After the first trials to find potable drinking water failed, Pelsaert, skipper Jacobsz, senior officers, crew and some passengers left in an open sloop for Batavia to raise the alarm. They arrived after 33 days.

In the Abrolhos, junior merchant Jeronimus Cornelisz, one of the mutiny conspirators, was now in charge. It was not long after the departure of Pelsaert that he started to systematically murder all those who did not join him in hijacking the ships treasures.

Pelsaert set out from Batavia in the Jacht Sardam on orders from Governor Jan Pietersz Coen to rescue whatever possible from the Batavia.

On arrival he found many Batavia survivors had been murdered. The leaders of the mutiny were hanged after their conviction and the remaining people with whatever treasure could be gathered, returned to Batavia with the Sardam. *It is now on record that the Batavia tragedy was the first (Dutch) military conflict and part settlement in Australia.*

We come now to the **Vergulde Draeck**, a VOC Jacht of 260 ton who struck a reef on the 28th April 1656 approx. 100 km north of Perth. From a crew of 193, seventy five lucky ones made it ashore in that wild weather. On board were 8 chests with silver coins and a quantity of trade goods. An open boat manned with 7 sailors made it to Batavia, after a 2500 km journey.

The VOC vessel **Zuytdorp** left Holland on the 1st of August 1711. After taking on fresh food and water as well as additional crew, the Zuytdorp left Cape of Good Hope on 22 April 1712.

She had a total of 280 people on board, skippered by Marinus Wise Vliet. The ship



carried the usual trade goods and 250.000 silver guilders. The ship never reached its destination and in stormy weather had run onto a rocky platform between Kalbarri and Shark Bay, 40 km north of the Murchison-river.

Finally we have come to the VOC vessel **Zeewijk**, a new 275 ton ship of the Zeeland Chamber of the VOC, carrying 36 iron and bronze guns plus 6 swivel guns. The ship departed in November 1726 with skipper Jan Steyns in command. They foundered on the 9th of June 1727 on Half Moon Reef of the Albolhos Islands after Steyns insisted against his steersman's urging and contrary to VOC's policy, to pay a visit to the unknown Southland continent.

A longboat with 12 men was sent to Batavia for help, but was never heard of again. The remaining 88 people who stayed behind, built a longboat called "Sloepie" and sailed to Batavia on the 27th March 1728, arriving on the 30th of April 1728, after having lost 6 people on the way. Skipper Steyns was convicted of negligence, lost his position, his salary and all his possessions.

This is to record that the building of the "Sloepie" was the first (Dutch) built ship in Australia, as well as to state that roughly about 400 people were unwillingly marooned in West Australia after leaving those stranded ships and while trying to survive, either perished or integrated with the local tribes if accepted.

The **Duyfken** story is well known, especially through the building of a replica in Fremantle, Western Australia. The



original left Holland under command of skipper Willem Janszoon on the 18th December of 1603 for the Indies, being part of a fleet under command of Steven van der Haghen. It was built as a fast lightly armed ship of about 50-60 ton capacity. After many adventures and battles with Spanish and Portuguese ships, the VOC ordered the Duyfken in 1605 to search for trade opportunities in the East and South lands. And so early 1606 skipper Janszoon made landfall at the Pennefather River in the Gulf of Carpentaria and started mapping the surrounding coastline.

As such Skipper Janszoon became the first European (Dutch) who discovered and mapped the great Southland, later called Australia. (The Duyfken Chart is in the National Gallery of Australia).

Now at the end of another year, I wish all my readers Joyful Christmas Celebrations and a New Year loaded with health, happiness, love and prosperity.

Gerard Woerlee.

Challenging puzzles by the Puzzle Wizard

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14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

CODEBREAKER PUZZLE



How to play the Game:

A **Codebreaker** is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet has been replaced by a number, the same number represents the same letter all the time in this puzzle. All you have to do is find out which letter is represented by which number!

The codes for 3 letters are revealed in this puzzle. When you have entered these letters throughout the puzzle, you should have enough information to start guessing your first word and also discover other letters. If you are unsure, use a pencil, then you can always erase mistakes.

The last Codebreaker was not an easy one, but once the words "Revolver, follicle and relief" were found, it was OK. The

solution of the October puzzle: A=8; B=14; C=17; D=20; E=9; F=16; G=3; H=7; I=23; J=26; K=6; L=10; M=21; N=19; O=25; P=13; Q=18; R=24; S=1; T=15; U=12; V=2; W=4; X=11; Y=5; Z=22.

Sudoku

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers in the boxes to satisfy only one condition: each row, each column and each 3x3 box must contain one each of the digits 1 through 9.

Sudoku - Easy

		6		5		3	9	7
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	4		5	2			3	8
2	8	3		4		9	5	6
5	7			8	6		1	
			8			5		
	1		9	6			7	3
7	6	5		1		8		



Sudoku - Moderate

				1			8	
	8	4			6	5		1
5						7		
2	6	7						5
	4						1	
1						8	6	9
		9						3
4		5	2			1	7	
	1			4				

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